

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday February 9, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Dr. S.F. Monestime Council Chambers.

Council Present: Mayor Raymond A. Bélanger  
Councillor Mathew Gardiner  
Councillor Fern Levesque  
Councillor Laura Ross  
Councillor Garry Thibert  
Councillor Spener Bigelow  
Councillor Loren Mick

Staff Present: Amy Leclerc, Municipal Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk  
Sabrina Poullas, Municipal Deputy Clerk  
Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer  
Dexture Sarrazin, Director of Community Services

\*When a recorded vote is requested and the minutes indicate the recorded vote was "Unanimous" it means all Councillors present and noted above voted in favour unless otherwise indicated.

## 1. Meeting Called to Order

## 2. Announce Electronic Participants

## 3. Adoption of Agenda

3.1 To Adopt the agenda as presented or amended

### **Resolution Number 26-16**

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this meeting agenda dated Monday February 9, 2026 be adopted as amended to include the following changes:

Section 3. Adoption of Agenda – add item # 3.2 Mayoral Announcement

Section 7. Notice of Motion – Item # 7.1 change to include Mayor and CAO/Treasurer

Section 8. Correspondence – add item # 8.9 letter from Ministry of Transportation

**CARRIED** – unanimous

3.2 Mayoral Announcement

## 4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest

## 5. Presentations and Delegations

## 6. Adoption of Minutes

6.1 Regular Meeting of January 26, 2026

6.2 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended

### **Resolution Number 26-17**

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of January 26, 2026 as circulated.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

## **7. Notice of Motions**

### 7.1 Council & Staff Attendance to 2026 FONOM Conference

#### **Resolution Number 26-18**

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approves Mayor Bélanger, Councillor Laura Ross and CAO/Treasurer Paul Laperriere to attend the 2026 FONOM conference being held in the City of Timmins from May 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

### 7.2 Support for Steel & Lumber Sectors

#### **Resolution Number 26-19**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council supports the Township of Nairn and Hyman for their support for the steel and lumber sectors.

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Minister of Northern Development, MP Pauline Rochefort, MPP Vic Fedeli, FONOM and all Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

## **8. Correspondence**

8.1 FONOM – 2026 FONOM Conference & Key Note Speaker Announcement

8.2 FONOM – Letter to Prime Minister – Highway 11 and 17

8.3 City of Peterborough – Sustainable Funding for Police Services Request

8.4 Township of Southgate – OMERS Bill 68 Municipal Resolution

8.5 FONOM – Birth of Change Initiative

8.6 FONOM – Closure of Life Labs

8.7 Municipality of Markstay Warren – Support Resolution Closure of Sudbury's Life Labs

8.8 North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit – 2026 Municipal Levy

8.9 Ministry of Transportation – 2026-2027 Connecting Links Program Funding

## **9. Information Reports – Motions**

9.1 Health & Safety Water Stream Program Funding – Report # 26-03R  
Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

**Resolution Number 26-20**

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow  
Seconded by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 26-03R titled Health & Safety Water Stream Program Funding.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

- 9.2 Purchase of 598 McConnell Street Property – Report # 26-04R  
Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

**Resolution Number 26-21**

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert  
Seconded by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 26-04R titled Purchase of 598 McConnell Street Property.

**CARRIED** – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

**Resolution Number 26-22**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque  
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approves the purchase of 598 McConnell Street and authorizes the Mayor and CAO/Treasurer to execute the purchase and sale agreement and such documents as may be necessary.

**CARRIED** – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

**For:** Mayor Bélanger, Councillors Levesque, Ross, Thibert, Bigelow

**Against:** Councillor Gardiner

- 9.3 Staffing Updates – Report # 26-05R  
Report from Dexture Sarrazin, Director of Community Services

Councillor Mick arrived at 6:47 pm

**Resolution Number 26-23**

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner  
Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 26-05R titled Staffing Updates.

**CARRIED** – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

**For:** Mayor Bélanger, Councillors Gardiner, Mick, Ross, Thibert, Bigelow

**Against:** Councillor Levesque

**10. By-Laws**

- 10.1 By-Law 26-03 – 2026 Joint Election Compliance Audit Committee  
**BEING** a by-law to authorize the establishment of the Joint Election Compliance Audit Committee and to appoint its committee members for the 2026 municipal elections.

**Resolution Number 26-24**

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick  
Seconded by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law 26-03 being a by-law to authorize the establishment of the Joint Election Compliance Audit Committee and to appoint its committee members for the 2026 municipal elections.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

**11. Old Business**

11.1 Library Proposal from Report # 26-01R

**12. New Business**

**13. Questions from Public Pertaining to Agenda**

**14. In Camera (Closed) Session**

14.1 Adoption of Previous Closed Meeting Minutes

14.2 Cassellholme Update

In accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001 Section 239 (2)(e)

e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board

14.3 Litigation Matter

In accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001 Section 239 (2)(c)

e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board

14.4 Mattawa Landfill Update

In accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001 Section 239 (2)(h)

e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board

Mayor Bélanger left Council Chambers at 7:41pm

Mayor Bélanger returned to Council Chambers at 7:42 pm

**Resolution Number 26-25**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council proceed In Camera (Closed) session pursuant to section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended at 7:09 p.m. in order to address the following:

Items 14.2 Cassellholme Update; 14.3 Litigation Matter; and 14.4 Mattawa Landfill Update all under litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

**15. Return to Regular Session**

15.1 That the Council Return to Regular Session

**Resolution Number 26-26**

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular meeting reconvene at 7:55 p.m.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

**16. Motions Resulting from Closed Session**

**17. Adjournment**

17.1 Adjournment of the meeting

**Resolution Number 26-27**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this regular meeting adjourn at 7:56 p.m.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

Digitally signed by  
Raymond A. Bélanger

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Mayor

Digitally signed by  
Amy Leclerc

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Clerk